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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRANCO-GUINEAN RELATIONS

REF: CONAKRY 1816, PARIS 19887

1. HAVE LEARNED ON HIGHLY RELIABLE BASIS THAT FRENCH AND GUINEAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE RELEASED ON DECEMBER 11 SIMULTANEOUSLY AT NEW YORK, PARIS AND CONAKRY.

2. AGREEMENT BASED ON FRENCH GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE OF GUINEAN PROPOSAL THAT COMMUNIQUE STATE "FRENCH GOVERNMENT REGRETS ACTIVITIES OF THOSE OF ITS CITIZENS WHO (IN NOVEMBER 1970) CONTRAVENED PRINCIPLE" OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS REPRESENTED MAJOR CONCESSION FOR IN EFFECT FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS NOW ACCEPTED SAME FORMULA AS GERMAN GOVERNMENT CONCEDING GUILT OF ITS CITIZENS AND, IN GUINEAN EYES, "APOLOGIZING" FOR SAME.

3. COMMUNIQUE ALSO WILL CALL FOR PROMPT ACTION ON OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES: I.E RELEASE OF FRENCH PRISONERS WHICH FRENCH GOVERNMENT HOPES WILL OCCUR BY CHRISTMAS AND IN ANY
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CASE BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER. HAVING GOTTEN THEIR WAY ON

PRACTICALLY EVERY POINT, PRESUMABLY GUINEANS SHOULD BE WILLING
TO MAKE THIS CONCESSION TO FRENCH THUS PAVING WAY FOR RESUMPTION
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

4. REQUEST THIS INFORMATION BE CLOSEDLY HELD UNTIL COMMUNIQUE
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